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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS OF U.S. REQUEST TO USE MASIRAH ISLAND

REF: LONDON 841

1. WIRELESS FILE CARRIES DOD PRESS BRIEFING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT U.S. IS SEEKING AUTHORITY TO LAND AIRCRAFT AT BRITISH BASE ON MASIRAH ISLAND. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL, IN TERMS OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOI, TO BRIEF HIGH LEVEL IRANIAN LEADERSHIP ON OUR PLANS FOR USE OF MASIRAH AND STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH OMANI AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE GOI AS COMPLETE A STORY AS POSSIBLE RATHER THAN HAVE IRANIAN LEADERSHIP READ DETAILS IN MISLEADING AND FRAGMENTED FORM AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED BY PRESS REPORTING.

2. CABLES EXCHANGED BETWEEN STATE AND LONDON THIS SUBJECT HAVE JUST BEEN RECEIVED. IF AUTHORIZED, WE COULD DRAW ON THEM TO INFORM IRANIANS OF STATUS OF TALKS. WE WOULD LIKE TO COORDINATE WITH BRITISH EMBASSY BEFORE DOING SO IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT ANYTHING WE MIGHT SAY TO GOI WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH MESSAGES BRITISH MIGHT HAVE PASSED.

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